

NavCo Coalition Against Drug Abuse

A Coalition of Concerned Navajo County Residents Banned Together to

- EDUCATE the Community on the methamphetamine & drug crisis
- REHABILITATE those who have fallen into the addiction
- ENFORCE laws pertaining to the spread of meth & drugs in our communities



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New Report Estimates Older Teens Driving Under the Influence

Impaired driving continues to be a severe and persistent threat to public safety, and the number of deaths from traffic crashes involving impaired drivers is higher than the number of deaths from all other causes among persons aged 3 to 33. In 2006, an estimated 30.5 million persons aged 12 or older drove under the influence of alcohol at least once in the past 12 months ("past year"), and 10.2 million persons aged 12 or older reported driving under the influence of illicit drugs during the past year.

In Arizona, 14-16 percent of current drivers aged 19 or older report driving under the influence of alcohol in the past year, according to the US Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Association.

The following are brief findings in the recently released National Survey on Drug Use and Health report:

Combined data from 2004 to 2006 indicate that 15.1 percent of current drivers aged 18 or older drove under the influence of alcohol in the past 12 months ("past year"), and 4.7 percent drove under the influence of illicit drugs in the past year.

Rates of past-year driving under the influence of alcohol were highest among persons aged 18 or older in Wisconsin (26.4 percent), North Dakota (24.9 percent), Minnesota (23.5 percent), Nebraska (22.9 percent), and South Dakota (21.6 percent).

Past-year rates of driving under the influence of illicit drugs among persons aged 18 or older were highest in the District of Columbia (7 percent), Rhode Island (6.8 percent), Massachusetts (6.4 percent), Montana (6.3 percent), and Wyoming (6.2 percent).

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Mission Statement:

To develop a diverse community representation, coordinate a sustained effort in educating and preventing the use and abuse of crystal meth through a plan for change in local social norms through prevention, treatment and vigorous enforcement of existing laws.